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SUBJECT:MTN: GATT APPLIED TARIFF RATE FILE

THE FOLLOWING IS THE SUGGESTED TEXT FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO BE CIRCULATED BY SECRETARIAT ON TAPE FORMAT FOR TARIFF FILE. COMMENTS ON SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT AND EXPLANATION OF OUR SUGGESTED REVISIONS ARE BEING SENT IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

GENERAL

1. SEPARATE, COMPLETE FILES SHOULD BE CREATED FOR EACH OF THE YEARS 1972, 1973 AND 1974. THE THREE FILES, HOWEVER, MAY BE RECORDED ON ONE MAGNETIC TAPE IN SEQUENCE. THE FILE FOR EACH YEAR SHOULD CONSIST OF TWO PARTS: PART 1 - TARIFF DATA; PART 2 - ANNOTATIONS.

2. THE CONTENT OF THE FILES IS INDICATED IN MTN/4.
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3. IN ORDER TO KEEP THE SIZE OF THE FILE WITHIN MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS, THE TEXT OF CUSTOMS TARIFF DESCRIPTIONS AND OF CERTAIN DUTY RATES WILL IN GENERAL HAVE TO BE ABBREVIATED (OR SYMBOLS WILL HAVE TO BE USED TO REPLACE REPETITIVE

SPECIFICATIONS).

4. THE FOLLOWING LAYOUT SPECIFIES THE PRESENTATION OF THE DATA. ONE RECORD IS PROVIDED PER TARIFF LINE, EACH TARIFF LINE BEING IDENTIFIED BY A TARIFF NUMBER. THE VARIOUS DATA SHOULD BE RECORDED IN THE FIELD ASSIGNED TO IT. IF THE SIZE OF ANY PARTICULAR FIELD IS INSUFFICIENT FOR THE DATA WHICH SHOULD BE SHOWN, THE OVERFLOW OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE GIVEN IN THE ANNOTATION SECTION (PART 2) OF THE FILE. IN SUCH CASE, APPROPRIATE REFERENCE TO THE ANNOTATION SECTION OF THE FILE SHOULD BE GIVEN IN THE TARIFF DATA RECORD. IN THE ANNOTATION SECTION OF THE FILE, THE RELEVANT TARIFF DATA RECORD WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY THE TARIFF NUMBER.

5. IN ADDITION TO THE RATES OF DUTIES REPORTED IN THE CUSTOMS TARIFF, COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY AD VALOREM INCIDENCES OF SPECIFIC OR COMPOUND RATES. SINCE DIFFERENT METHODS CAN BE APPLIED IN CALCULATING THESE AD VALOREM INCIDENCES A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD USED SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FILE.

6. FINALLY, COUNTRIES SHOULD SUPPLY AN EXPLANATORY NOTE DESCRIBING THEIR TARIFF SYSTEM WITH A VIEW TO DIFFERENTIATING AND EXPLAINING THE DIFFERENCES IN THE LEGAL BASES AND APPLICATION OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF RATES RECORDED (MTN/4, PARA 16).

7. COUNTRIES WITH TARIFF NOMENCLATURES DIFFERENT FROM THE BRUSSELS TARIFF NOMENCLATURE (BTN) SHOULD SUPPLY A CONCORDANCE BETWEEN EACH TARIFF HEADING IN THEIR FILE AND THE APPROPRIATE 4-DIGIT BTN HEADINGS.

TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE

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PART ONE - TARIFF DATA	LOCATION	LENGTH	
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1. TARIFF NUMBER (OR STATISTICAL NUMBER)	1-25	25	
2. RECORD ANNOTATION REFERENCE		26	1
3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION			
ANNOTATION REFERENCE		27	1
DESCRIPTION OF THE TARIFF LINE	28-127		100
4. GATT RATE			
ANNOTATION REFERENCE		128	1
TYPE OF RATE	129	1	
RATE	130-174	45	
5. MFN "STATUTORY" RATE			
ANNOTATION REFERENCE		175	1
TYPE OF RATE	176	1	
RATE	177-221	45	

6. MFN APPLIED RATE

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	222	1
TYPE OF RATE	223	1
RATE	224-268	45

7. GSP RATE

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	269	1
TYPE OF RATE	270	1
RATE	271-315	45

8. AVE YEAR 1971

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	316	1
GATT RATE (FOOTNOTE 1)	317-320	4

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	321	1
MFN APPLIED RATE	322-325	4

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	326	1
GSP APPLIED RATE	327-330	4

9. AVE YEAR 1972

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	331	1
GATT RATE (FOOTNOTE 1)	332-335	4

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	336	1
MFN APPLIED RATE	337-340	4

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	341	1
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GSP APPLIED RATE	342-345	4
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10. AVE YEAR 1973

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	346	1
GATT RATE (FOOTNOTE 1)	347-350	4

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	351	1
MFN APPLIED RATE	352-355	4

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	356	1
GSP APPLIED RATE	357-360	4

11. AVE YEAR

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	361	1
GATT RATE (FOOTNOTE 1)	362-365	4

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	366	1
MFN APPLIED RATE	367-370	4

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	371	1
GSP APPLIED RATE	372-375	4

12. AVE YEAR

ANNOTATION REFERENCE	376	1
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GATT RATE (FOOTNOTE 1)	377-380	4
ANNOTATION REFERENCE	381	1
MFN APPLIED RATE	382-385	4
ANNOTATION REFERENCE	386	1
GSP APPLIED RATE	387-390	4
13. BLANK SPACE	391-400	10

FOOTNOTE 1: STATUTORY RATE IN THE ABSENCE OF GATT RATE.

NOTE: FOR COMPOUND RATES THE AVE SHOULD INCLUDE, WHERE APPLICABLE, THE AD VALOREM ELEMENT PLUS THE INCIDENCE OF THE SPECIFIC ELEMENT OF THE DUTY.

PART TWO - ANNOTATIONS FIELD FIELD
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(AT THE END OF THE FILE) LOCATION LENGTH

1. TARIFF NUMBER (OR STATISTICAL NUMBER)	1-25	25
2. ANNOTATIONS	26-400	375

1. TARIFF NUMBER (NUMERICAL OR ALPHA-NUMERICAL)

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE RETRIEVAL OF THE DATA IN THE FILE, EACH TARIFF LINE RECORD MUST BE IDENTIFIABLE BY A DISTINCT NUMBER, EVEN IN CASES WHERE NO NUMBER IS ASSIGNED TO IT IN THE NATIONAL CUSTOMS TARIFF.

IF, UNDER ONE TARIFF ITEM, DIFFERENT RATES APPLY TO DIFFERENT PRODUCTS OR PRODUCT GROUPS, SUCH ITEMS SHOULD BE SPLIT INTO AS MANY TARIFF LINE RECORDS AS ARE NECESSARY TO SHOW A SEPARATE LINE RECORD FOR EACH OF THE DIFFERENT RATE PRODUCT GROUPS.

SIMILARLY, IF A GATT BINDING OR A TEMPORARY MEASURE CONCERNING THE DUTY RATE OR THE GSP RATE APPLIES ONLY TO A PART OF THE TARIFF ITEM, SEPARATE TARIFF LINE RECORDS SHOULD BE CREATED.

IN ALL SUCH CASES A DISTINCT NUMBER SHOULD BE CREATED TO DIFFERENTIATE EACH TARIFF LINE RECORD.

2. ANNOTATION REFERENCES

A CROSS REFERENCE IS REQUIRED TO INDICATE THE OCCURRENCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION IN THE ANNOTATION PART OF THE FILE AND TO LINK THE TARIFF DATA RECORDS WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE ANNOTATION RECORDS.

WHEN AN ANNOTATION RECORD IS CREATED TO SUPPLEMENT THE TARIFF DATA RECORD, THAT FACT SHOULD BE INDICATED BY AN ASTERISK IN THE RECORD ANNOTATION REFERENCE FIELD (LOCATION 26). IF THE ANNOTATION IS OF A GENERAL NATURE APPLICABLE TO THE RECORD AS A WHOLE, NO OTHER ANNOTATION REFERENCES ARE REQUIRED IN THE TARIFF DATA RECORD. IF, HOWEVER, THE ANNOTATION HAS NARROWER APPLICATION (E.G. RELEVANT TO THE GATT RATE ONLY), AN ASTERISK SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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ENTERED IN THE SPECIFIC FIELD TO WHICH THE ANNOTATION RELATES. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE ANNOTATION IS A QUALIFICATION OR LIMITATION TO THE GATT RATE, AN ASTERISK WOULD APPEAR IN THE RECORD ANNOTATION REFERENCE FIELD (LOCATION 26) AND ALSO IN THE ANNOTATION REFERENCE FIELD

ASSOCIATED WITH THE GATT RATE (LOCATION 174).

IN ORDER TO LINK THE ANNOTATION RECORD TO THE APPROPRIATE TARIFF DATA RECORD, THE ANNOTATION RECORD MUST BE GIVEN THE IDENTICAL TARIFF NUMBER (OR STATISTICAL NUMBER) THAT THE DATA RECORD TO WHICH IT RELATES BEARS.

3. DESCRIPTION

EACH TARIFF LINE RECORD REQUIRES A DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING RECORDS WHICH HAVE HAD TO BE CREATED TO COVER PARTS OF A SINGLE LINE IN THE NATIONAL CUSTOMS TARIFF SCHEDULE (I.E., THOSE DESCRIBING PARTIAL BINDINGS, ETC.).

THE TEXT OF THE DESCRIPTION, PREFERABLY IN ENGLISH OR IN FRENCH, MUST NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED LETTER SPACES. INDEPENDENT DESCRIPTIONS WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE REFERENCE TO

OTHER LINES FOR MEANING ARE PREFERABLE TO DESCRIPTIONS OF GENERAL HEADINGS (DEFINING THE CATEGORY) FOLLOWED BY A DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTICULARS DISTINGUISHING ONE TARIFF LINE FROM THE PROCEEDING ONE.

4 TO 7. DUTY RATES

THE FOLLOWING RATES SHOULD BE RECORDED FOR EACH TARIFF LINE RECORD:

(A) THE GATT RATE, I.E., THE LOWEST RATE TO WHICH THE REPORTING COUNTRY IS COMMITTED FOR THE ITEM IN PART 1 OF ITS GATT SCHEDULE.

(B) THE MFN "STATUTORY" RATE, I.E., THE MOST-FAVORED-NATION RATE WHICH WOULD BE APPLIED TO IMPORTS FROM GATT COUNTRIES IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY OVERRIDING TEMPORARY UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENTAL MEASURES SPECIFYING A DIFFERENT RATE (E.G. TEMPORARY DUTY REDUCTIONS, ESCAPE CLAUSE DUTY INCREASES, ETC.).

(C) THE MFN APPLIED RATE, I.E., THE MOST-FAVORED-NATION RATE ACTUALLY ASSESSED IMPORTS FROM GATT COUNTRIES ON THE REPORTING DATE.

(D) THE GSP RATE, I.E., THE RATE ACTUALLY ASSESSED ON IMPORTS BENEFITTING FROM THE COUNTRIES GENERALIZED PREFERENCE SCHEME.

IN CASES WHERE THE GATT OR THE STATUTORY OR THE APPLIED RATES ARE THE SAME, THE DUTY SHOULD BE REPEATED IN EACH FIELD.

IN EACH OF THE FOUR RATE FIELDS, THE FIRST ELEMENT IN THE FIELD IS A ONE-LETTER CODE TO DESIGNATE THE TYPE OF RATE, AS FOLLOWS:

TYPE OF RATE	CODE
AD VALOREM	A
SPECIFIC	B
COMPOUND	C
FREE	D
OTHER	E

THE RATE ITSELF SHOULD BE INSERTED IN THE FIELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TYPE OF RATE CODE.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE SPECIFIC AND COMPOUND RATES BE INCLUDED IN THE FILE IN THEIR EXACT FORM (RATHER THAN ONLY AS AD VALOREM EQUIVALENTS), BECAUSE THE INCIDENCE OF SUCH RATES CAN VARY SIGNIFICANTLY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES SUPPLYING IMPORTS. IN CERTAIN CASES IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ABBREVIATE THE TEXT RECORDED IN THE DUTY RATE COLUMNS. EXPLANATIONS OF THE ABBREVIATIONS USED MAY BE GIVEN IN A GENERAL NOTE TO ACCOMPANY THE FILE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUAL DUTY RATES SHOULD BE RECORDED IN ANNOTATIONS AT THE END OF THE FILE.

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IF A DUTY RATE IS APPLICABLE TO A LIMITED VOLUME OF IMPORTS, SUCH SITUATION SHOULD BE DESCRIBED (TYPE OF LIMITATION) AND THE RATE APPLICABLE IN EXCESS OF THE QUANTITY BE INDICATED, PREFERABLY ON A SEPARATE TARIFF LINE RECORD IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE RETRIEVAL OF THE DATA. IN THE CASE OF TARIFF QUOTAS, THE VOLUME OF THE

QUOTA ITSELF SHOULD BE RECORDED TOGETHER WITH THE CORRESPONDING DUTY RATE. WITH RESPECT TO GSP RATES, THE LIMIT OF THEIR APPLICABILITY SHOULD BE INDICATED. DUTY RATES APPLICABLE DURING A PART OF THE CALENDAR OR FISCAL YEAR SHOULD BE REPORTED ON SEPARATE LINES.

DUTY RATE REDUCTIONS OR EXEMPTIONS PROVIDED FOR BY SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF (SUCH AS END USE OR APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC CLASSES OR KINDS) SHOULD BE REFLECTED WHEREVER APPLICABLE TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY TARIFF LINE. ON THE OTHER HAND, PROVISIONS CONCERNING PROCESSING TRAFFIC OR DRAWBACKS IN GENERAL SHOULD NOT BE REFLECTED.

8 TO 12. AD VALOREM INCIDENCES (AVE'S)

FOR EACH SPECIFIC DUTY OR COMPOUND DUTY AD VALOREM INCIDENCES SHOULD BE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF MFN IMPORTS. FOR EACH FILE, AVE'S CALCULATED ON IMPORTS IN SEVERAL RECENT YEARS SHOULD BE REPORTED. THE AVE'S SHOULD BE REPORTED IN THE FIELD APPROPRIATE FOR THE YEAR OF IMPORT DATA USED FOR THEIR CALCULATION (I.E., AVE'S CALCULATED ON 1971 IMPORT DATA WOULD BE IN FIELD LOCATIONS 316-330; THOSE CALCULATED ON 1972 IMPORT DATA IN FIELD LOCATIONS 331-345, ETC.).

ALL AD VALOREM EQUIVALENTS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO ONE DECIMAL POINT. THE DECIMAL POINT ITSELF, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE FIELD. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, AN AVE OF 8.6 PERCENT WOULD BE REPORTED AS 86; AN AVE OF 15.7 PERCENT, AS 157; AN AVE OF 180.6 PERCENT, AS 1806.

FOUR SPACES ARE ALLOWED FOR EACH AVE, THEREBY ACCOMODATING ALL AVE'S UP TO 999.9 PERCENT. THE FOURTH SPACE IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FIELD IS FOR THE ONE FIGURE TO THE RIGHT OF THE DECIMAL; THE THIRD SPACE IS FOR THE FIRST FIGURE TO THE LEFT OF THE DECIMAL. INGERSOLL

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